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1. IN CALL ON AMBASSADOR AUGUST 1, ROK AMBASSADOR LEE DESCRIBED RESULTS HIS RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH GOI OFFICIALS CONCERNING (A) GOI CO-SPONSORSHIP OF US-SUPPORTED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON UNC, (B) ATTENDANCE OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, AND (C) ROK AND NORTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP IN UN. LEE SAID HE HAS RAISED THESE MATTERS NOT ONLY WITH FON MIN MALIK BUT ALSO WITH AMB TO UN SANI, INTELLIGENCE CHIEF YOGA, STATE SECRETARY SUDHARMO, AND GEN MURDANI OF DEFENSE DEPARTMENT.

2. ON UNC, LEE'S IMPRESSION WAS THAT THERE WERE DIFFERING VIEWS WITHIN GOI AND THAT NOTHING DEFINITIVE LIKELY EMERGE PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF KOREAN QUESTION AT CABINET-LEVEL MEETING SOMETIME IN EARLY AUGUST. LEE OBSERVED THAT GOI OBVIOUSLY HESITANT ABOUT GETTING OUT IN FRONT ON THIS ISSUE AND AGREED THAT INDONESIANS' EXPERIENCE IN
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KHMER DEBATE LAST YEAR HAD MADE THEM WARY OF COMMITTING

THEIR PRESITIGE ON ISSUE INVOLVING RIVAL ASIAN REGIMES. LEE SAID THAT MALIK--AS IN LATTER'S PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR NEWSOM(REF A)--HAD REFERRED TO POSSIBILITY OF TWO SEPARATE RESOLUTIONS ON ABOLITION OF UNC AND SUCCESSOR ARRANGEMENTS. HOWEVER, ON BASIS OF DISCUSSION WITH AMB SANI, LEE INCLINED BELIEVE THAT INDONESIA MIGHT EVENTUALLY BACK US-SUPPORTED RESOLUTION, SUBJECT TO MINOR CHANGES, SUCH AS ELIMINATION OF PREAMBULAR REFERENCES TO SCALI LETTER. LEE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT SANI HAS SAID NOTHING EXPLICIT ABOUT POSSIBILITY GOI SUPPORT FOR OR CO-SPONSORSHIP OF OUR RESOLUTION.

3. ON NAC, LEE JUDGED THAT GOI WOULD SUPPORT OBSERVER STATUS FOR BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA.

4. ON UN MEMBERSHIP, LEE SAID THAT MALIK AND OTHER GOI OFFICIALS FAVORED MEMBERSHIP FOR BOTH KOREAS. HE SAID MALIK HAD MENTIONED POSSIBILITY THAT KOREAN AND VIETNAMESE MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS MIGHT BE LINKED AND HAD ASKED LEE WHAT US POSITION MIGHT BE ON SUCH LINKAGE. (THIS RECALLS SIMILIAR QUESTION BY MALAYSIAN FONOFF OFFICIAL REPORTED BY KUALA LUMPUR IN REF C).

5. AMBASSADOR LATER SPOKE TO MINISTER OF STATE SUDHARMONO (WHO WILL PREPARE PRESENTATION TO CABINET), EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO INDONESIAN SUPPORT , AND IF POSSIBLE, CO-SPONSORSHIP OF KOREAN RESOLUTION. SUDHARMONO SAID INDONESIA SYMPATHETIC TO WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO, BUT NOT SURE OF BEST WAY TO DO IT. AMBASSADOR CAUTIONED AGAINST IDEA OF TWO RESOLUTIONS FLOATED BY AMBASSADOR SANI, POINTING OUT ONE WHICH WOULD ABOLISH UN COMMAND MIGHT PASS AND SECOND, SETTING UP ALTERNATIVES, FAIL. SUDHARMONO PROMISED MAKE CLEAR OUR CONCERNS IN CABINET CONSIDERATION.

6. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT OF INTEREST, CANADIAN MINISTER COUNSELOR TOLD DCM THAT CANADIAN FONMIN RAISED KOREA QUESTION WITH MALIK DURING RECENT VISIT TO OTTAWA AND STRONGLY URGED INDONESIAN CO-SPONSORSHIP OF US-SUPPORTED RESOLUTION. NEWSOM

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